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## **ADEQ Director Owens Announces Plan To Open New Vehicle Emission Inspection Station in North Phoenix**

PHOENIX (Oct. 19, 2007) - Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Director Steve Owens announced today that ADEQ plans to open a new vehicle emissions inspection (VEI) station on Deer Valley Road to serve the rapidly growing North Phoenix area.

The new VEI station, located at 501 W. Deer Valley Road, will open in January 2009 when the department's new contract with Gordon-Darby, Inc. goes into effect.

The opening will coincide with the closing of an underutilized north Phoenix VEI station, located at 15349 N. 40<sup>th</sup> Street. That station is located in a commercial shopping center and is surrounded by a residential area, where complaints have been frequent about the noise it generates.

"This new station will make it easier and more convenient for those who live or work north of Bell Road and in other parts of North Phoenix to get their cars inspected," Director Owens said. "In addition to being conveniently located, the station will have shorter wait times as well as programmable signs with updated information on wait times."

The new, three-lane inspection station will be located near Loop 101 and Interstate 17 and is expected to handle more than half of the current motorists using the 40<sup>th</sup> Street VEI station along with those who live and work farther north. It is expected to handle 80,000 inspections annually.

Each inspection lane will have the capability to perform all types of emissions inspections including two on-board diagnostic (OBD) inspections simultaneously. The station will be able to quickly and efficiently inspect both conventional- and OBD-equipped vehicles.

"We want to make sure that people in the North Valley get the service they need and deserve," Owens said.

For more information on ADEQ's VEI program, including locations of all inspection stations and wait-time updates, please visit our Web page: <http://www.myazcar.com/>.